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## THE LITTER PROBLEM

BY LORRAINE YURIAR



The county has been pushing its [anti-litter campaign](#) since 2019, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. The County Council had a representative from the state come to talk about the issue last January. Will Pines (SHA) said we have the most state roadways, rank #2 for money spent on litter mitigation, and were responsible for 19% of all the litter picked up in the state, and that's just on state roads.

Some of the [causes of littering](#) include a lack of personal responsibility, laziness, no sense of community, or a lack of law enforcement. Trash/recycling trucks can add to the issue when garbage blows out of the back, unnoticed by the driver. Add to that, litter breeds litter. Uncaring people see the litter already on the road and think nothing of adding to the piles.

It is a difficult problem to fix because the people who care about the community are not the cause of the problem. In our own neighborhood, we can participate in the MNA Cleanup Days. Otherwise, reporting the issues to the proper authority is the best practice. The county is encouraging residents to use the [311 system](#) to report litter on county property and roads. The [state is responsible for cleaning up numbered roads like Rt 301](#).

\*The photo was taken [by Mr. King](#) of the woods at the end of Heathermore.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

# **BLOCK PARTY**

**MEETING**

**MARCH 15TH, 2024**

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MARLTONNEIGHBORHOODALLIANCE@GMAIL.COM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## COUNTY STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR BLUEPRINT

BY LORRAINE YURIAR

PG County has a problem. [The county budget is in a deficit](#). While the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future was well-intentioned, the 2021 law has placed an enormous burden on the county to increase school funding above the maintenance of effort and above what the county can afford. It’s not just PG County, either. [Every county in Maryland is struggling](#) to figure out how to find the money the Blueprint demands we find for the local school systems.

Alsobrooks came up with a scheme to try to plug the budget holes. [She has asked the state to pass a couple of bills that will change how some school funding is counted](#). The county has two different taxes that are earmarked for the schools but do not count toward the county’s required Blueprint spending. Alsobrooks has asked the MD legislature to allow those revenue streams to count towards the Blueprint spending.

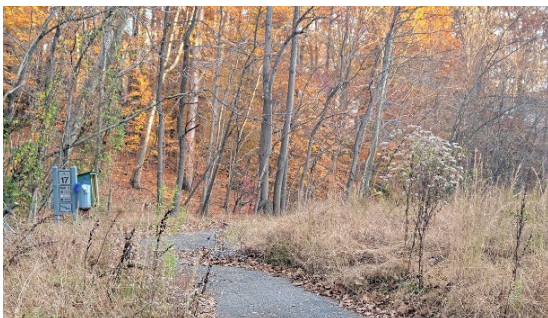
Councilman Dernoga wrote in an email explaining the move: “82% of the County budget is for PGPCS and public safety. Other items that you really cannot cut are Community College and debt service (another 7%). So, \$210 million has to be cut from the 11% of what's left: libraries, environment, permitting, code enforcement, social services, health department, grants to nonprofit organizations, etc. This is not hyperbole. It's math. All options are bad. If one cannot cut education, public safety, or debt service, the remaining options are frightening.”

GENERAL FUND BUDGET	FY 24	
Board of Education	\$ 2,800,041,400	62.0%
Public Safety & Courts	\$ 909,491,000	20.1%
<b>Educ &amp; Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ 3,709,532,400</b>	<b>82.2%</b>
General Government	\$ 128,407,500	2.8%
Community College	\$ 131,564,500	2.9%
Infrastructure & Development	\$ 58,188,200	1.3%
Human Services	\$ 52,465,100	1.2%
Library	\$ 38,110,500	0.8%
Environment	\$ 9,331,900	0.2%
Non-Departmental	\$ 386,032,500	8.6%
<b>Everything Else</b>	<b>\$ 804,100,200</b>	<b>17.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL - GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,513,632,600</b>	

According to [NewsBreak](#): “Many elected officials attribute the looming \$183 million deficit Prince George’s County faces next year to the hefty price tag of the Blueprint, insinuating that reallocating funds could address this financial strain. But others quietly suggest this is a move to assist Alsobrooks image for her senatorial campaign by filling the budget gaps from overspending and keep the county’s AAA Bond Rating.”

## GOLF COURSE NOTES

BY LORRAINE YURIAR



If your home borders the golf course, there is some good news for you. After months of attempting to reach out, we now have a point of contact for anyone who is having trouble with the golf course property. If you need to have the lawn mowed or spot any other issues with the property, please send an email with your address and the issue to Mr. Vann Jones at [djvj25@gmail.com](mailto:djvj25@gmail.com)

# HELP WANTED

MARLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE



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# SECRETARY

- \* ARE YOU GOOD AT TAKING NOTES?
- \* CAN YOU FILE STATE & LOCAL FORMS?
- \* ARE YOU GOOD AT ORGANIZING FILES AND KEEPING RECORDS?
- \* CAN YOU CHECK A PO BOX?
- \* INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY?



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# BAG it RIGHT

in Prince George's County



Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive



**Effective January 1, 2024**, Prince George's County prohibits a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and, with certain exceptions\*, must charge and retain at least 10 cents for each paper carryout or reusable bag provided to a customer.

## WHY THE BAN?

To protect the environment, marine life and reduce litter.

## WHO IS AFFECTED?

All retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or any other establishment that provides single-use plastic bags to its customers as a result of the sale of a product, or service whether for-profit or not-for-profit.

## BAG BILL GUIDELINES

### What is allowed

Stores and restaurants shall use/sell paper bags or reusable bags at a 10-cent fee.

"Reusable carryout bag" means a bag with stitched handles specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of: Cloth or other washable fabric; Or a durable material suitable for multiple re-use that is not made of plastic film.



### Exceptions

**Plastic bags used to:** Package bulk items, including fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items; Wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether prepackaged or not; Wrap flowers, potted plants, or other damp items; Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; Protect or contain garments or dry-cleaned clothes; protect suits, dresses, and formal wear; Take live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans away from the retail store.

**Charge for paper bags used to:** Contain pharmacy prescriptions; Package prepared food provided at the drive-through window; and Provided by a full-service restaurant after a meal for leftovers.

### What's out?

Single-use plastic bags



**Plan Now. Start Bringing Your Reusable Bag When You Shop!**

For more information, visit [mypgc.us/bagitright](http://mypgc.us/bagitright)

# St. Patrick's Day

## Word Search

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Rainbow

Coins  
Gold  
Green  
Saint

Irish  
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Don't miss our next quarterly meeting on March 14, 2023 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Topics include:

- Treasurer's Report
- Crime Report
- Golf Course & Townhomes
- Trunk Or Treat Event
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Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89123042455?pwd=cEF2Z01PNmtsTlZRckRqVHVvZGRzUT09>

Or login to Zoom using:

Meeting ID: 891 2304 2455

Passcode: 681799

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MNA Quarterly Meeting – Mar 14, 2023. 7pm
- 2024 Marlton Cleanup Days – Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, and Oct 19.
  - ***\*Teenagers can use this as their Community Service Requirements!***
- Primary Election is May 14. Find information about voting on the [PGC Board of Elections website](#). Find more information about the candidates on the [Maryland Elections website](#).
  - ***\*Reminder, Marlton is in US House of Reps D5, State Senate D23, State Delegates D23, Council and School Board D9.***



# GET FREE TREES REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USE



**Pepco and the Arbor Day Foundation are offering free trees to help you conserve energy.**

Properly planted trees help reduce energy use through summer shading and by slowing winter winds. As your trees grow, they will have the potential to lower energy bills by 15 to 30 percent.

For more information visit [arborday.org/pepco](http://arborday.org/pepco) or call 855-670-2771.



Trees are available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning March 28, while supplies last. Distribution is limited to two, 2-to-4 foot trees per customer.

To help you plant your tree in the right place, the Arbor Day Foundation offers you an online mapping tool that will:

- Map your house
- Show you the right trees for your area
- Locate the best place to plant them
- Calculate how much you can expect to save

To get your free trees, visit [arborday.org/pepco](http://arborday.org/pepco) or call 855-670-2771 today.



April is National Safe Digging Month. Be sure to call 8-1-1 to get your underground utility lines marked for free. This helps prevent damage to utilities such as electric lines and natural gas pipelines. Remember, digging without calling 8-1-1 can put you, your family or neighbors in harm's way, interrupt your service and possibly result in fines and repair costs.

Be smart, dig safely, call 8-1-1 BEFORE you dig.



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## CRIME REPORT

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Street Address</b>
12/14/2023	ASSAULT	8560 PARAGON CT
12/21/2023	ACCIDENT WITH IMPOUND	FAIRHAVEN AVE / GREEN TEE PL
12/22/2023	ACCIDENT	8900 TRUMPS HILL RD
12/23/2023	ACCIDENT WITH IMPOUND	7611 CROOM RD
12/28/2023	ASSAULT	9530 CRAIN HWY SE
12/30/2023	AUTO, STOLEN	12729 WEDGEDALE CT
1/5/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	OLD COLONY DR S / HEATHERMORE BLVD NB
1/9/2024	THEFT FROM AUTO	9062 FLORIN WAY
1/9/2024	B & E, COMMERCIAL	7624 CRAIN HWY SE
1/9/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	NEW TOWN WAY / MARLTON CENTER DR
1/9/2024	THEFT FROM AUTO	8863 HEATHERMORE BLVD SB
1/11/2024	ACCIDENT	12611 TRUMBULL DR
1/21/2024	ASSAULT	7624 CRAIN HWY SE
1/24/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	8607 BINGHAMPTON PL
1/26/2024	THEFT FROM AUTO	8843 HEATHERMORE BLVD SB
2/6/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	13302 MARLTON CENTER DR
2/10/2024	ASSAULT, WEAPON	8700 SWEET LAUREN CT
2/15/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	8851 HEATHERMORE BLVD SB
2/15/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	8851 HEATHERMORE BLVD SB
2/17/2024	AUTO, STOLEN & RECOVERED	9500 CRAIN HWY SE
2/17/2024	ACCIDENT	9220 CRAIN HWY SE
2/25/2024	THEFT FROM AUTO	9117 GRANDHAVEN AVE
2/25/2024	ACCIDENT WITH IMPOUND	GRANDHAVEN AVE / TRUMBULL DR
3/7/2024	AUTO, STOLEN	12601 TRUMBULL DR

## HOA INFORMATION

### Brandywine Country Homeowners Association (BHCA)

[www.summitmanage.com](http://www.summitmanage.com)

Enforces covenants in several sections of Marlton, (Most homes South of Heathermore Blvd) as well as the two oldest townhouse sections (BSTA town- houses).

Contact: Nancy Graham

Email: [nancylgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:nancylgraham@yahoo.com)

Phone: (240)551-9707

### Brandywine Station Townhouse Association (BSTA)

Maintains the BSTA Townhouses' Pool and Tennis Courts and certain other common areas. BSTA homes are also part of BCHA, which enforces their covenants.

Contact: Angela Jones-Warner

Email: [ajwarner55@gmail.com](mailto:ajwarner55@gmail.com)

Phone: (301)627-3830

### Heathermore Townhouse Association, Inc

Enforces covenants Heathermore Townhouse 92 units located at 13014 Ricker Rd. Contact: Kimmata Black, President or Katrina Moss, Member-At-Large

Contact:

Email: [heathermorehoa@gmail.com](mailto:heathermorehoa@gmail.com)

Phone: (442)548-0191  
ext. 156

### Marlton 4 Homeowners Association

Enforces covenants in the 24 units from 13100 to 13141 Grand View Court Sherra Dunkins, President. Jerry Fuller, Vice President. Patricia Harris, Secretary/Treasurer

Contact: Sherra Dunkins

Email: [marlton4hoa@gmail.com](mailto:marlton4hoa@gmail.com)

Phone:

### Marlton Section 10 Homeowners Association

Enforces covenants in Stonegate Contact: Majerle Management Inc. The property manager is Ms. Kim Hirsig, [Khirsig@accessmmi.com](mailto:Khirsig@accessmmi.com). Ms. Linda Ortiz, [lortiz@accessmmi.com](mailto:lortiz@accessmmi.com), is the assistant property manager.

Contact: Kim Hirsig

Email: [Khirsig@accessmmi.com](mailto:Khirsig@accessmmi.com)

Phone: (301)-220-1850

### Marlton 100 Homeowners Association

[www.meinc.cincwebaxis.com](http://www.meinc.cincwebaxis.com)

Enforces covenants on the lots within its area as well as maintaining the common grounds deeded to it: 12400 Old Colony Drive - 12476 Old Colony Drive and 8500 Grandhaven - 8518 Grandhaven. Brian Baker, President. Regina Smith, Vice-President. Denise Ingram, Secretary/ Treasurer.

MEINC Contact: Blanche Thompson, [bthompson@meinccompanies.com](mailto:bthompson@meinccompanies.com), Phone: (301)877-6185 x229

Contact: Brian Baker

Email: [newmarlton100hoa@gmail.com](mailto:newmarlton100hoa@gmail.com)

Phone:

### Marlton Control Commission

A 501(c)(4) organization. EIN: 52-1232585. Enforces covenants in Rollingwood.

Contact: Richard Saunders

Email: [emailmccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:emailmccpresident@gmail.com)

Phone:

### Marlton Homeowners Association

<https://hoa-community.com/marlton-south-hoa-upper-marlboro-md/>

Is a "master association" that covers: Oakview (Muirfield Dr., west of Tam O'Shanter); The Greens of Marlton; Stonegate townhouses; and all Marlton Town Center townhomes. It administers the covenants in Oakview and The Greens of Marlton. It also maintains the landscaping along Heathermore Boulevard, the tennis courts on Woodstock Drive (near the Grandhaven Avenue intersection) and the common areas in The Greens of Marlton. Under this "master association" are two other organizations

Contact: Shanton Kittler

Email: [marlton10hoa@gmail.com](mailto:marlton10hoa@gmail.com)

Phone:

### Town Center Homeowners Association

<https://hoa-community.com/marlton-town-center-hoa-upper-marlboro-md/>

The Winchester townhomes on Old Colony Drive/Heathermore Boulevard; the Ryan townhomes along Woodstock Drive; and the Winchester and Triangle Homes townhomes along Marlton Center Drive.

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## MNA VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

- ☞ **BOARD SECRETARY:** Take meeting notes, keep org records, and more.
- ☞ **EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Help MNA put together events like the annual block party, Trunk or Treat, Community Yard Sale, and so much more!
- ☞ **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** We need article writers, an editor, help with advertising, and outreach.

### MNA OFFICERS

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#### Reminder to Local Realtors

Maryland State Law requires that you tell all buyers and potential buyers that covenants govern most homes in the Marilton subdivision and that adherence is mandatory. Many people choose Marilton because we have covenants, but far too many purchasers find out after the fact that there are restrictions on what can be done to properties in Marilton.

#### Covenant Reminder For Owners

Most Marilton homes are subject to covenants that detail what external improvements may be made to homes and properties. If your property is so encumbered, then you must receive approval from the appropriate covenant group before making any external changes on your home or property.